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tion, stole into a total verity, which was but partly true in its morality.  
HIEROGLYPHICALLY. *adv.* [from hieroglyphical.] Emblematically.

Others have spoken emblematically and hieroglyphically as the Egyptians, and the phoenix was the hieroglyphick of the sun.

HIEROGRAPHY. *n. f.* [ἱερός and γραφή.] Holy writing.  
HIEROPHANT. *n. f.* [ἱερόφάνης.] One who teaches rules of religion; a priest.

Herein the wantonness of poets, and the crafts of their heathenish priests and hierophants, abundantly gratified the fancies of the people.

HIGGLE. *v. n.* [of uncertain etymology; probably corrupted from *haggle*.]  
1. To chaffer; to be penurious in a bargain.

In good offices and due retributions we may not be pinching and niggardly: it argues an ignoble mind, where we have wronged, to *higgle* and dodge in the amends.

To *higgle* thus for a few blows,  
To gain thy knight an opulent spouse.

Why all this *higging* with thy friend about such a paltry sum? Does this become the generosity of the noble and rich John Bull?

2. To go selling provisions from door to door. This seems the original meaning.

HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY. *adv.* A cant word, corrupted from *higgle*, which denotes any confused mass, as higglers carry a huddle of provisions together.

HIGGLER. *n. f.* [from *higgle*.] One who sells provisions by retail.

HIGH. *adj.* [heah, Saxon; hoog, Dutch.]  
1. Long upwards; rising above from the surface, or from the centre.

They that stand *high* have many blasts to shake them,  
And, if they fall, they dash themselves to pieces.

Their andes, or mountains, were far *higher* than those with us; whereby the remnants of the generation of men were, in such a particular deluge, saved.

The *higher* parts of the earth being continually spending, and the lower continually gaining, they must of necessity at length come to an equality.

2. Elevated in place; raised aloft.  
High o'er their heads a mould'ring rock is plac'd,  
That promises a fall, and shakes at every blast.

Reason elevates our thoughts as *high* as the stars, and leads us through the vast spaces of this mighty fabric; yet it comes far short of the real extent of even corporeal being.

3. Exalted in nature.  
4. Elevated in rank or condition: as, *high* priest.

O mortals! blind in fate, who never know  
To bear *high* fortune, or endure the low.

5. Exalted in sentiment.  
Solomon liv'd at ease, nor aimed beyond  
*Higher* design than to enjoy his state.

6. Difficult; abstruse.  
They meet to hear, and answer such *high* things.

7. Boastful; ostentatious.  
His forces, after all the *high* discourses, amounted really but to eighteen hundred foot.

8. Arrogant; proud; lofty.  
The governor made himself merry with his *high* and threatening language, and sent him word he would neither give nor receive quarter.

9. Severe; oppressive.  
When there appeareth on either side an *high* hand, violent prosecution, cunning advantages taken, and combination, then is the virtue of a judge seen.

10. Noble; illustrious.  
Trust me, I am exceeding weary.  
—Is it come to that? I had thought, weariness durst not have attacked to *high* blood.—It doth me, though it discolours the complexion of my greatness to acknowledge it.

11. Violent; tempestuous; loud.  
He woos both *high* and low, both rich and poor.

More ships in calms on a deceitful coast,  
Or unfeen rocks, than in *high* storms are lost.

Spiders cannot easily weave their nets in a *high* wind.  
At length the winds are rais'd, the storm blows *high*;  
Be it your care, my friends, to keep it up  
In its full fury.

12. Tumultuous; turbulent; ungovernable.  
Not only tears  
Rain'd at their eyes, but high winds worse within,  
Began to rise; *high* passions, anger,  
Mistrust, suspicion, discord, hate, shook fore  
Their inward state of mind.

Can heav'nly minds such *high* resentment show,  
Or exercise their spite in human woe?

13. Full; complete.

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*High* time now 'gan it wax for Una fair,  
To think of those her captive parents dear.

Sweet warrior, when shall I have peace with you?  
*High* time it is this war now ended were.

It was *high* time to do so; for it was now certain, that forces were already upon their march towards the West.

14. Strong tasted; gufful.  
Solomon liv'd at ease, and full  
Of honour, wealth, *high* fare, aim'd not beyond  
*Higher* design than to enjoy his state.

15. Advancing in latitude from the line.  
They are forced to take their course either *high* to the North, or low to the South.

16. At the most perfect state; in the meridian: as, by the sun it is *high* noon.

It is yet *high* day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered.

17. Far advanced into antiquity.  
The nominal observation of the several days of the week, is very *high*, and as old as the ancient Egyptians, who named the same according to the seven planets.

18. Dear; exorbitant in price.  
If they must be good at so *high* a rate, they know they may be safe at a cheaper.

19. Capital; great; opposed to little: as, *high* treason, in opposition to petty.

HIGH. *n. f.* High place; elevation; superiour region.  
Which when the king of gods beheld from *high*,  
He sigh'd.

On *High*. Aloft; above; into superiour regions.  
Wide is the fronting gate, and rais'd on *high*,  
With adamant columns threatens the sky.

HIGH is much used in composition with variety of meaning.  
HIGH-BLEST. *adj.* Supremely happy.

The good which we enjoy from heav'n descends;  
But that from us ought should ascend to heav'n  
So prevalent, as to concern the mind  
Of God *high-bless'd*, or to incline his will,  
Hard to belief may seem.

HIGH-BLOWN. Swelled much with wind; much inflated.  
I have ventur'd,  
Like little wanton boys that swim on bladders,  
These many Summers on a sea of glory;  
But far beyond my depth: my *high-blown* pride  
At length broke under me, and now has left me,  
Weary, and old with service, to the mercy  
Of a rude stream, that must for ever hide me.

HIGH-BORN. Of noble extraction.  
Cast round your eyes  
Upon the *high-born* beauties of the court;  
There chuse some worthy partner of your heart.

HIGH-BUILT. *adj.*  
1. Of lofty structure.  
I know him by his stride,  
The giant Harapha of Gath; his look  
Haughty as is his pile, *high-built* and proud.

2. Covered with lofty buildings.  
In dreadful wars  
The *high-built* elephant his castle rears,  
Looks down on man below, and strikes the stars.

HIGH-COLOURED. Having a deep or glaring colour.  
If a fever happens in a rancid oily state of blood, it produces a scorbutick fever, with *high-coloured* urine, and spots in the skin.

HIGH-DESIGNING. Having great schemes.  
His warlike mind, his soul devoid of fear,  
His *high-designing* thoughts were figur'd there.

HIGH-DO. Pampered.  
A favourite mule, *high-fed*, and in the pride of flesh and metal, would still be bragging of his family.

HIGH-FLAMING. Throwing the flame to a great height.  
Hecatombs of bulls to Neptune slain,  
*High-flaming*, please the monarch of the main.

HIGH-FLYER. *n. f.* One that carries his opinions to extravagance.  
She openly professeth herself to be a *high-flyer*; and it is not improbable the may also be a papist at heart.

HIGH-FLOWN. *adj.* [from *high* and *flown*, from *fly*.]  
1. Elevated; proud.

This stiff-neck'd pride nor art nor force can bend,  
Nor *high-flown* hopes to reason's lure descend.

2. Turgid; extravagant.  
This fable is a *high-flown* hyperbole upon the miseries of marriage.

HIGH-FLYING. Extravagant in claims or opinions.  
Clip the wings  
Of their *high-flying* arbitrary kings.

HIGH-HEALED. *adj.*  
1. Covered with high piles.

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The plenteous board *high-heap'd* with cates divine,  
And o'er the foaming bowl the laughing wine.

2. Raised into high piles.  
I saw myself the vast unnumber'd store  
Of brags, *high-heap'd* amidst the regal dome.

HIGH-HEEL'D. Having the heel of the shoe much raised.  
By these embroider'd *high-heel'd* shoes,  
She shall be caught as in a noose.

HIGH-HUNG. Hung aloft.  
By the *high-bung* taper's light,  
I could discern his cheeks were glowing red.

HIGH-METTLED. Proud or ardent of spirit.  
He fails not in these to keep a stiff rein on a *high-mettled* Pegasus; and takes care not to surfeit here, as he had done on other heads, by an erroneous abundance.

HIGH-MINDED. Proud; arrogant.  
My breast I'll burst with training of my courage,  
But I will chaffice this *high-minded* trumpet.

HIGH-PRINCIPLED. Extravagant in notions of politicks.  
This seems to be the political creed of all the *high-principled* men I have met with.

HIGH-RED. Deeply red.  
Oil of turpentine, though clear as water, being digested upon the purely white fugar of lead, has in a short time afforded a *high-red* tincture.

HIGH-SEASONED. Piquant to the palate.  
Be sparing also of salt in the seasoning of all his victuals, and use him not to *high-seasoned* meats.

HIGH-SIGHTED. Always looking upwards.  
Let *high-sighted* tyranny range on,  
'Till each man drop by lottery;  
But if these countrymen bear fire enough,  
What need we any spur but our own cause?

HIGH-SPIRITED. Bold; daring; insolent.  
HIGH-STOMACHED. Obstinate; lofty.  
*High-stomach'd* are they both, and full of ire;  
In rage, deaf as the sea, hasty as fire.

HIGH-TASTED. Gufful; piquant.  
Flattery still in sugar'd words betrays,  
And poison in *high-tasted* meats conveys.

HIGH-VICED. Enormously wicked.  
Be as a planetary plague, when Jove  
Will o'er some *high-vice'd* city hang his poison  
In the sick air.

HIGH-WROUGHT. Accurately finished; nobly laboured.  
Thou triumph'st, victor of the *high-wrought* day,  
And the pleas'd dame, soft smiling, lead it away.

HIGHLAND. *n. f.* [from *high* and *land*.] Mountainous region.  
The wond'ring moon  
Beholds her brother's feeds beneath her own;  
The *highlands* smok'd, cleft by the piercing rays.

Ladies in the *highlands* of Scotland use this discipline to their children in the midst of Winter, and find that cold water does them no harm.

HIGHLANDER. *n. f.* [from *highland*.] An inhabitant of mountains.  
His cabinet council of *highlanders*.

HIGHLY. *adv.* [from *high*.]  
1. With elevation as to place and situation.

2. In a great degree.  
Whatever expedients can allay those heats, which break us into different factions, cannot but be useful to the publick, and *highly* tend to its safety.

It cannot but be *highly* requisite for us to support and enliven our faith, by dwelling often on the same considerations.

3. Proudly; arrogantly; ambitiously.  
What thou wouldst *highly*,  
That thou wouldst holly; wouldst not play false,  
And yet wouldst wrongly win.

4. With esteem; with estimation.  
Every man that is among you, not to think of himself more *highly* than he ought to think.

HIGHMOST. *adj.* [An irregular word.] Highest; topmost.  
Now is the fun upon the *highmost* hill  
Of this day's journey; and from nine 'till twelve,  
Is three long hours.

HIGHNESS. *n. f.* [from *high*.]  
1. Elevation above the surface.

2. The title of princes, anciently of kings.  
Most royal majesty,  
I crave no more than that your *highness* offer'd.

How long in vain had nature striv'd to frame  
A perfect prince, ere her *highness* came?

Beauty and greatness are eminently joined in your royal *highness*.

3. Dignity of nature; supremacy.  
Destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his *highness* I could not endure.

HICAT. [This is an imperfect verb, used only in the preterite

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tense with a passive signification: *paran*, to call, Saxon; *hiften*, to be called, German.]  
1. Was named; was called.

The city of the great king *hight* it well,  
Wherein eternal peace and happiness doth dwell.

2. It is sometimes used as a participle passive, and signifies called; named. It is now obsolete, except in burlesque writings.

Amongst the rest a good old woman was,  
*Hight* mother Hubbard.

HIGHWATER. *n. f.* [from *high* and *water*.] The utmost flow of the tide.  
They have a good way in Essex of draining of lands that lie below the *highwater*, and that are something above the low-water mark.

HIGHWAY. *n. f.* [from *high* and *way*.] Great road; publick path.  
So few there be  
That chuse the narrow path, or seek the right:  
All keep the broad *highway*, and take delight  
With many rather for to go astray.

Two inscriptions give a great light to the histories of Appian, who made the *highway*, and of Fabius the dictator.

Ent'ring on a broad *highway*,  
Where power and titles scatter'd lay,  
He strove to pick up all he found.

I could mention more trades we have lost, and are in the *highway* to lose.

HIGHWAYMAN. *n. f.* [from *highway* and *man*.] A robber that plunders on the publick roads.

'Tis like the friendship of pickpockets and *highwaymen*, that observe strict justice among themselves.

A remedy like that of giving my money to an *highwayman* before he attempts to take it by force, to prevent the sin of robbery.

HIGHLAPER. *n. f.* An herb.  
HILARITY. *n. f.* [from *hilaritas*, Latin.] Merriment; gayety.

Averroes restrained his *hilarity*, and made no more thereof than Seneca commendeth, and was allowable in Cato; that is, a sober incalescence from wine.

HILD, in *Elrick's* grammar, is interpreted a lord or lady: so *Hildebert* is a noble lord; *Mahild*, an heroic lady; and in the same sense is *Wiga* also found.

HILDLING. *n. f.* [from *hild*, Saxon, signifies a lord: perhaps *hilding* means originally a little lord in contempt, for a man that has only the delicacy or bad qualities of high rank; or a term of reproach abbreviated from *hinderling*, degenerate.]

1. A forry, paltry, cowardly fellow.  
He was some *hilding* fellow, that had stol'n  
The horse he rode on.

If your lordship find him not a *hilding*, hold me no more in your respect.

You are curb'd from that enlargement by  
The consequence o' th' crown, and must not foil  
The precious note of it with a base slave,  
A *hilding* for a livery, a squire's cloth.

This idle toy, this *hilding* scorns my power,  
And sets us all at naught.

2. It is used likewise for a mean woman.  
Laura, to his lady, was but a kitchen wench;  
Helen and Hero, *hildings* and harlots.

HILL. *n. f.* [hil, Saxon.] An elevation of ground less than a mountain.  
My sheep are thoughts, which I both guide and serve;  
Their pasture is fair *hills* of fruitless love.

Jerusalem is seated on two *hills*,  
Of height unlike, and turned side to side.

Three fides are sure imbar'd with crags and *hills*,  
The rest is easy, scant to rise o'py'd;  
But mighty bulkwarks fence the plainer part:  
So art helps nature, nature strengtheneth art.

When our eye some prospect would pursue,  
Descending from a *hill*, looks round to view.

A *hill* is nothing but the nest of some metal or mineral, which, by a plattick virtue, and the efficacy of subterranean fires, converting the adjacent earths into their substance, do increase and grow.

HILLOCK. *n. f.* [from *hill*.] A little hill.  
Yet weigh this, alas! great is not great to the greater:  
What, judge you, doth a *hillock* show by the lofty Olympus!

Sometime walking not unseen  
By hedge-row elms, on *hillocks* green.

This mountain, and a few neighbouring *hillocks*, that lie scattered about the bottom of it, is the whole circuit of these dominions.

HILLY. *adj.* [from *hill*.] Full of hills; unequal in the surface.  
Towards the *hilly* corners of Druiua remain yet her very Aborigenes, fatally thrust amongst an assembly of mountains.

Howel's Vocal Forest.  
Climbing